

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 6 and 8 in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 6 and 8 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 7, and 9-17 were previously cancelled. Claims 18-26 were previously withdrawn. Claims 6 and 8 were objected to based on certain informalities. Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,097,108 to Tweed (the "Tweed patent"). Claims 6 and 8 have been amended.

Objections to Claims 6 and 8

Claims 6 and 8 were objected to. In response, the informalities cited in the Office Action have been corrected. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to these claims should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

According to the Office Action, the Tweed patent anticipates the subject matter of claims 6 and 8. In response, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable in view of the amendments thereto.

In particular, and with respect to claim 6, the Tweed patent does not disclose "output power value detecting means" and "total load power value detecting means". Further, the Tweed patent does not disclose

a command device for . . . successively comparing the output power value in the distributed power source detected by said output power value detecting means and the total load power value in the plurality of loads detected by said total load power value detecting

means during the interruption of the electric service from the power system, and then issuing a command signal for shutting off the loads in ascending order of influence of their being shut off or reducing the power consumption of the loads in ascending order of influence of their being reduced until the total load power value in the plurality of loads close to the output power value in the distributed power source, in the case where the total load power value in the plurality of loads detected by said total load power value detecting means is larger than the output power value in the distributed power source detected by said output power value detecting means.

Still further, the Tweed patent does not disclose

a control unit controlled by the command signals from said command device, and shutting off the loads that have been predetermined among the plurality of loads or reducing the power consumption of the loads which have been predetermined among the plurality of loads, before the interruption of the electric service, and shutting off the loads in ascending order of influence of their being shut off or reducing the power consumption of the loads in ascending order of influence of their being reduced until the total load power value in the plurality of loads close to the output power value in the distributed power source, during the interruption of the electric service from the power system.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 6 is not anticipated by the Tweed patent.

With respect to claim 8, the Tweed patent does not disclose

a fourth step of detecting the total load power in the plurality of loads and the output power in the distributed power source, and successively comparing the detected value of the total load power and the detected value of the output power during the interruption of the electric service from the power system, and shutting off the loads in ascending order of influence of their being shut off or reducing the power consumption of the loads in ascending order of influence of their being reduced until the detected value of the total load power close to the detected value of the output power, in the case where the detected value of the total load power is larger than the detected value of the output power.

Therefore, for at least this reason, claim 8 is not anticipated by the Tweed patent.

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If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056205.55944US).

Respectfully submitted,

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